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NOTES AND NEWS

The Death Valley region, well-known to botanists for its vegetative features and ecological interest, was created a national monument by President Hoover on February 11, 1933.

Under the title "More New Plants from Oregon," Professor Morton E. Peck of Willamette University publishes twelve new species of spermatophytes from the state of Oregon (*Torreyia* 32:147-153).

Miss Elizabeth Morse, who for several years has been engaged with investigations on the Pacific Coast fungi at the University of California, has provided funds for assistance in the mycological department of the University Herbarium. Miss Vera Mentzer, graduate student in botany at the University of California, has been chosen to do this work.

The National Research Council has granted a fellowship to Dr. David Goddard of the Department of Botany, University of California. Dr. Goddard left in August, 1933 for New York City where he will carry on his studies at the Rockefeller Institute.

Miss Mary L. Bowerman, graduate student in botany at the University of California, has undertaken a study leading to a comparison of the flora of the Marquesas Islands with those of the Society, the Samoan, and the Hawaiian Islands. This work is being done in connection with the Pacific Entomological Survey, which is under the direction of Dr. Edward P. Mumford of Honolulu.